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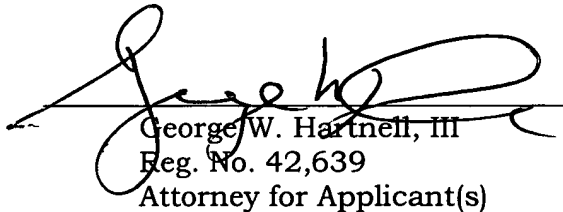
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**UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AA	5,576,822	11/19/1996	Nero R. Lindblad, et al.	355	301	
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)**

	CC	Korean Patent Office Office Action dated April 30, 2004 for corresponding application no 10-2001-11161 (2 pp.) and English translation thereof (4 pp.)
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